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**REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2004, for which a three-month extension of time to respond is hereby requested, please amend as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.